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RESEARCH ON LIFE SAVING MEDICINES /DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being formulated by the Government regarding the research for life saving drugs in the country; and

(b) the amount likely to be spent by the Government on the research of new life saving drugs during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The Department of Science & Technology under Ministry of Science and Technology has been implementing a Plan Scheme (Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Research Programme-DPRP) since 1994-95 for promoting collaborative R&D in Drugs & Pharmaceutical Sector with the following objectives:
To synergise the strengths of publicly funded R&D institutions and Indian Pharmaceutical Industry;
To create an enabling infrastructure, mechanisms and linkages to facilitate new drug development;
To stimulate skill development of human resources in R&D for drugs and pharmaceuticals;
To extend soft loan for Pharma industrial R&D projects;
To enhance the nation's self-reliance in drugs and pharmaceuticals sepecially in areas critical to national health requirements.
Under this programme so far 85 industry − institutional alliances both in modern and Indian system of medicine including veterinary drugs have been funded. In addition, 32 state-of-the art infrastructure for Pharmaceutical R&D have been created in different premier Institutions and Universities.

(b) As per Deptt. of Science & Technology, during the 10th Five year Plan (2002-2007), the DPR programme invested Rs.217.63 crores. A plan allocation for the 11th Five year Plan (2007-2012) of Rs.500.00 Crores exists for DPRP Scheme.